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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 3 October 1979

The Director chaired the meeting. [ ]

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Mulholland explained the anomalies surrounding last night's false alarm (War Phone)--detection of a Soviet SLBM launch--a launch that, if real, would have impacted about 150 miles west of Seattle. [ ]

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Hetu said "CBS Report" is preparing to televise a one-hour documentary on intelligence; the program is scheduled for soon after the first of the year. In response to a question from the Director, Hetu said Ted Koppel's (ABC) presentation of a primer on the process of intelligence will be shown tomorrow night on "20/20." Hetu reported that in his conference call today with Jerry Schecter (White House), discussion centered on what follow-up publicity re Cuba might be pursued. [ ]

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Hitz said he had just received a call from Bill Miller noting the SSCI is putting together their view of the Soviet/Cuban issue, e.g., how long do the intelligence people think the 2-3000 Soviet troops have been on the island? Hitz said the Committee is driving at our verification capability and noted that we will be able to answer their questions. Relatedly, and referring to Cutler's recent concerns re Cuba, the Director asked [ ] (CT) to provide him with a breakdown by year since May 1976

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The Director said the President asked him today about the SSCI status on SALT. Hitz said to his knowledge the SSCI's current position re SALT may be hedgy but not alarming and that the SSCI will present its report to the SFRC on 10 October. [ ]

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Wortman provided handouts re this year's CFC Campaign and urged that it be talked up at staff meetings. He noted the CFC goal for CIA this year is more modest than it was last year. The Director said he hoped the DDO and CTS would improve their participation this year. A brief discussion followed on some of the participation problems peculiar to the DDO and CTS.

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[ ] referring to Jerry Schecter's conference call today, suggested several things might be done to propagandize the Cuban situation, e.g., details of Soviet support to Cuba--data that might be used by public media. Relatedly, the Director noted that in his conversation a couple of weeks ago with the President, the President commented that our propaganda organizations seem not to be very responsive. The Director said he would like to get back to the President with examples showing that we are not as ineffective as it may appear. Stein noted that we are the only ones that can be directed to propagandize. The Director suggested if we have ideas for how nonintelligence entities might contribute we should offer a gratuitous suggestion, e.g., Davies' suggestion for a white paper showing how dependent Cuba really is on the Soviet Union. [ ]

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[ ] remarked briefly that the Intelligence Supplemental request forwarded on 28 September appears to have been denied. The Director said he would comment on this later. [ ]

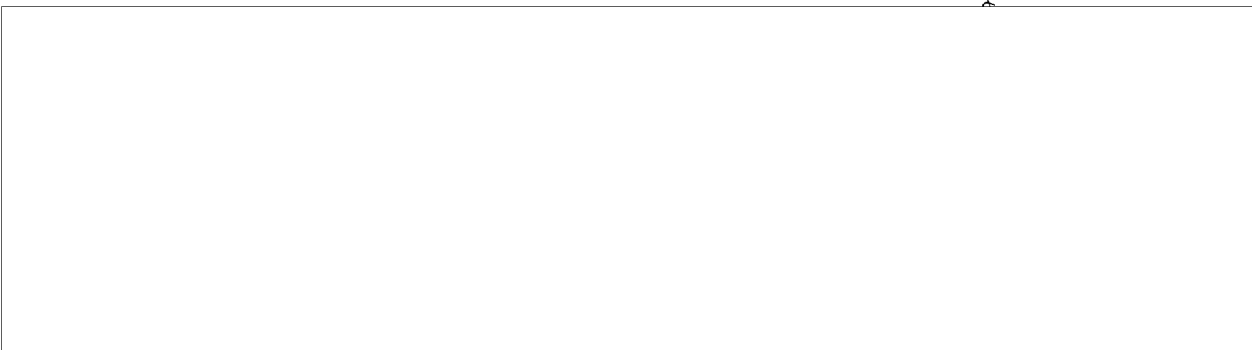
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The Director asked if it would be useful to publish quotes from the President's speech regarding intelligence in the DCI Notes. It was agreed that this would be helpful. [ ]

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The Director advised we follow up on the Cuba situation by working together (CT, RM, NFAC, GC, and others as appropriate) to move quickly toward a memo to Dr. Brzezinski on our plan for action, and to use this memo as a vehicle for asking for what we need, e.g., more SR-71s, or to be able to use other alternatives when we are unable to collect from a given system. He said that a second memo should be prepared focusing on our approach to deal with Soviet/Cuban adventurism worldwide--what we will need to do the job. He said that this memo should identify how and where we will reorient our higher priorities, e.g., Namibia, Ghana, Uganda, and El Salvador. He asked [ ] to provide related costs where possible. The Director said he sees this situation as an opportunity--to move ahead rapidly even if focus on this whole matter should fade later on. Relatedly, Hitz said we probably can get help from the Hill if we must support these initiatives via reprogramming if a Supplemental is not approved. The Director noted his understanding that OMB can find room in our manpower ceiling for additional personnel under the Leach Amendment if we can find the money. (Action: All) [ ]

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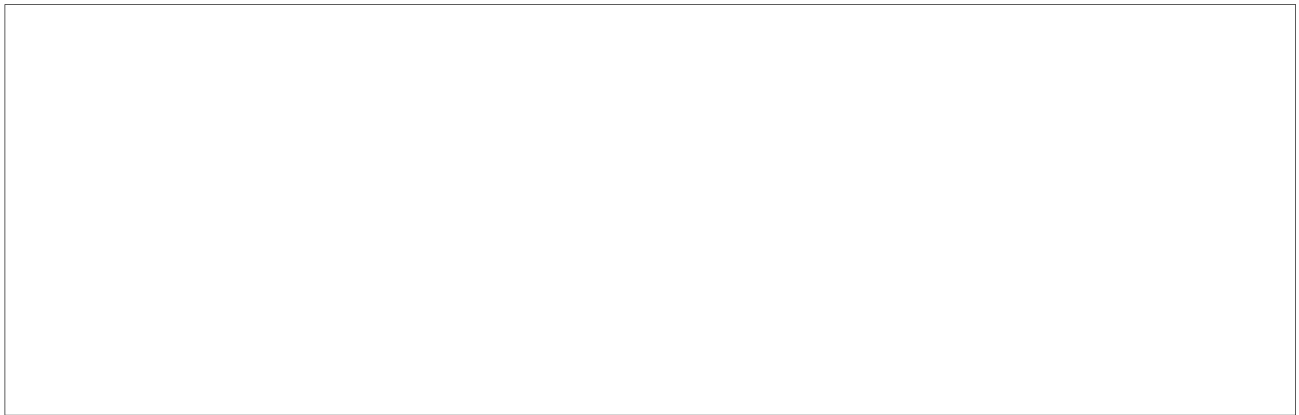
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Referring to the Supplemental, [ ] said his information is that 25X1  
Dr. Brzezinski was supportive of our appeal but OMB is committed to the  
President for achieving a balanced budget. In response to a query from 25X1  
Mr. Carlucci, [ ] said as far as he knows only one Supplemental request 25X1  
has been forwarded to the President. [ ]

The Director said we should pursue acceleration of the 1981 budget  
preparation regardless of what Defense does. (Action: RM) [ ] 25X1

The Director indicated to Lehman that he is pleased with recent  
Warning Trends memos and has made some notes for Lehman to consider in the  
recent issue. He said also that if for a given month there is nothing  
substantial to report that we consider skipping that month; he said he  
is open to suggestions. [ ] 25X1



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